

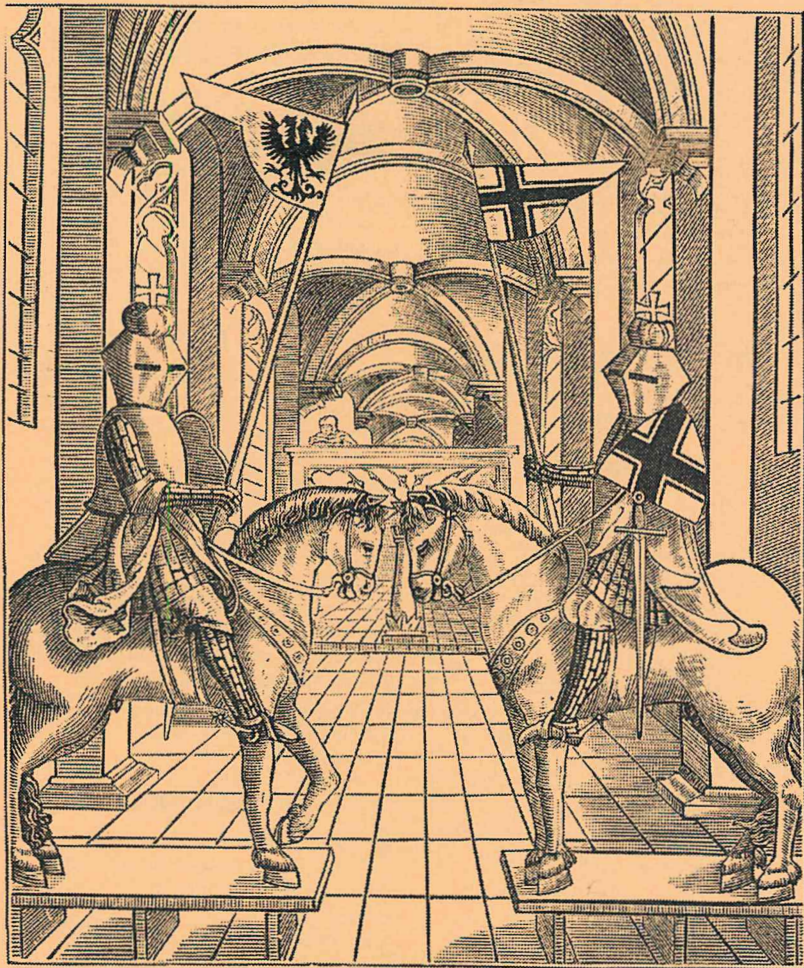


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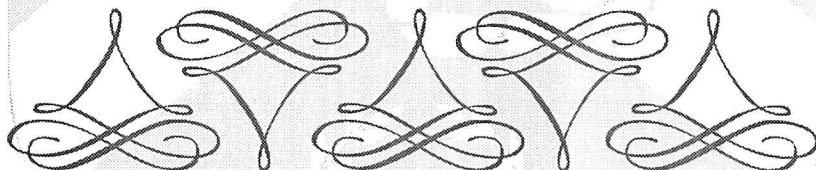
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Calendar of Events

MAY

1	<i>Happy New Year! Anno Societatus XXXVIII</i>
9-11	OUTLANDS CORONATION** <i>Dragonspine</i>
17	Celtic Games Demo
21-26	GRAND OUTLANDISH**
31	Special Olympics Demo

JUNE

20-22	QUEST FOR THE CRIMSON CHALICE**
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JULY

12	STAGSCON <i>Aarquelle</i>
17-20	LONELY MOUNTAIN DEFENDER <i>Drygestan</i>
25-28	CLANN WARS IX <i>Nahrin Kabirun</i>

** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Greetings, good populace, from your Baron and Baroness, Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina. We hope this missive finds you bounding from the earth with joy of the coming season of events just as the flowers are arising from their winter bed.

Happy New Year! The Society for Creative Anachronism enters its thirty-eighth year on the first day of May! Thank you to the many devoted and hard working peoples whose creativity and desire to teach has made such a great organization endure for almost four decades.

We greatly encourage each and every one of you to attend the coronation of Irel and Rosalind in the fair barony of Dragonspine the second weekend of this month. The event is sure to be full of pageantry and tradition. Each reign requires much work from many good gentles with a variety of talents. Please be generous with your offers for assistance and donations of largess.

The third weekend of the month, al-Barran will participate in the Celtic Games held at Menaul High School. Please look for further information in the Shaft for contacts for admittance passes. As we have a limited number of complimentary passes, be sure to volunteer early. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us reach out into the community and show them what we are about.

After months of anticipation and preparation, Grand Outlandish is finally upon us! The event's schedule is packed full of activities to satisfy any interest. There will be melees and tournaments for the bold of heart. There will be arts and sciences to the delight of the most skilled artisan and avid beginner. There will be dancing and singing into the nights. Arrows will fly throughout the weekend. Get out your tents and make sure your gear is in good working order. Pack the sunscreen and your pleasant attitude.

Now is the time to come together and rejoice in Grand Outlandish style!

We hope to have an opportunity to visit with each and every one of you!

Sir Trevor

Fermina



From the Acting Waterbearer

Greetings,

Waterbearers needed for Grand Outlandish!
Enough said.

In service,

Lady Bronwen Blackwell

From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

Do you have a demo? Please contact the hospitaller. Thank you to all the people that have given garb and material. Please remember to contact Lady Diana if you need loaner garb or if you have some to give.

In Service to the Dream

Lady Isabella al-Marith



From the Chronicler

Greetings,

Pony World once again features someone near and dear to our wonderful barony. Check it out and see who. Thank you, Michael McQuillan for all of your hard work in making *Pony World* happen. Who knows, one day it might be YOU! Thank you Roma for proofreading this issue, but as always any mistakes are all mine.

ARTWORK

As you should be able to tell from this cover I am desperately in need of cover artwork. So, without further ado; as always I am looking for articles, artwork, songs, poems, etc. for printing in the *Baronial Shaft*. If you know someone who is talented in any of these areas please let me know and I will seek them out for contributions for the *Baronial Shaft*.

DIRECTORY

Coming in June, the al-Barran phone directory will be getting updated. So look for a phone call or email starting in June to verify your information as listed in the phone directory.

In service,

Lady Kathus

Al-Barran's Spring Horse Faire

Thank You

The al-Barran Spring Horse Faire was a great success. It takes many people to make an event happen and even more to make it good. There are many who I need to thank for making al-Barran's second equestrian event such a wonderful time. I would like to thank Their Excellencies, the Baron and Baroness for giving me the opportunity to autocrat. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to Bryndis and William Carroll for helping me in putting up the baronial pavilion. With out them it would still be a lump of canvas on the ground, thank you, thank you, thank you. Lord Hrascaldr came through for me, along with several of Sir Bohemond's household; thank you gentlemen. I could not have pulled it off with out you. Lord Tancred was indispensable as Scorpion Pursuivant; thank you. Lady Danica did a fabulous job as list mistress; thank you. Lord Vladimir outdid himself with lunch both Saturday and Sunday. Without the lunches the event would have been just OK instead of great. Thank you, Vlad. One of the most wonderful parts of the event for me was the live music. This added so much atmosphere and joy to the day. Thank you to Mistress AElflaed, Master Gunwaldt, Sir Bohemond and Sir Artan for adding so much to the day. Thank you to Sir Kragon for bringing, setting up and taking down the viewing stand for the musicians. There are several people who were instrumental to this event and I thank them, Lady Laurel, Lady Dubheasa, Sir Aelric, and Sir Jochen. Also, thank you to Jo Pressler for allowing us to use her back yard for the site. There are so many to thank I had better stop here. Thank you to all who came to the event, participated, helped, and just enjoyed watching. It is you who make it all happen.

In service to al-Barran

Aziza



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Sworded Affaire Feast Thank You

Greetings and Merry Met,

I just wanted to thank everyone that helped with the feast at Sworded Affaire. I know that I would not have been able to accomplish what we did without their help.

Thank you, Don Govanen and Lord Gauvain for helping to retrieve things from the keep. Thanks You, Lady Isabella for staying up late the night before to help in the making of nipples of Venus and keeping me laughing. Thank you, THL Atain for all her support in organizing the serving wenches and keeping me posted on the flow of the day. Thank you, to all the serving wenches for completely dressing the part and making sure the populace did not go hungry. Thank you, to Jade, Sasha, and Sparky for jumping in and helping where ever help was needed. Thank you, Brynn and Emerys for helping out in the kitchen; even though you were on guard duty most of the day. Thank you, to Lady Savya the Silent for sharing her talented voice with everyone during the feast. And last but certainly not least I want to say thank you to Olia; for he completely amazed me by jumping in and doing whatever was needed, and in allowing me the chance to step out of the kitchen when I needed a break.

Also thank you to Don Coinneach for letting me be a part of this wonderful event and giving me a chance to bring the tavern to life.

In service to the Dream,

Lady Bronwen Blackwell

Grand Outlandish's LAST Clean-Up Day

We will again be cleaning up the Grand Outlandish site (mostly cholla removal) as in years past. Expect to help pick up trash, dispose of cholla, and otherwise help make the site better for Grand Outlandish; please bring your work gloves and other yard tools. Come work with friends, have some lunch, and scope out the site on this LAST cleanup day from 10 am-4 pm on May 3rd; once again, The LAST Clean-up day.

This year's GOT site is the same as last year, Torrance County Park.

Directions: From Albuquerque, take I-40 East to Exit 187 (Edgewood), go South (right) 0.2 miles to NM 333 (Historic 66), turn East (left) 4.4 miles to Lexco Rd (look for Mountain View Elementary), turn South (right) 2.4 miles to Martinez Rd (gravel), turn West (right) 2.4 miles and look for a small sign on the left with "Torrance County Park". This sign marks an unnamed road. Turn left on this road and travel south for .03 miles to the park.

CAUTION: Exit 187 (Edgewood) is under construction. It is still accessible from both directions but watch the signs closely for instructions. Stay to the right if approaching the site from Albuquerque.

For more GOT information check on page 12.

Exciting Opportunity

Pray heed all good gentles; a demo will be held May 9, 2003 at James Monroe Middle School from 9 am to 2 pm. All skills are needed from artistic to fighting. **Two of our young members attend this school**, and very much want to share their interest with the rest of the sixth graders. Even if you just want to wear garb and not talk, your presence would be much appreciated. Please contact THL Sabia at 896-3333 or by email at ldsabia@aol.com or Lady Skia at 344-0094.

Celtic Games Demo

The Barony of Al-Barran
May 17, AS XXXVIII (2003)
Menaul School
7 am to 4 pm
Lunch will be provided

Please join us in participating in the demo. We have a few free admission tickets left. Please contact Caroline at 804-3575 or Lady Isabella at 235-9729 for tickets and for more information on the Celtic Games demo.



Special Olympics Demo

May 31, AS XXXVIII (2003)
UNM Soccer Field
10 am to 2 pm

Once again, the Barony of al-Barran will be holding a demo for the Special Olympics. This is definitely one of my favorite demos, and many of those who participate will agree.

We will be doing a "Fight a Knight". We are looking for 10 heavy-weapons fighters, a few scribes, a few heralds, and many other gentles who would help with set up and help provide a medieval atmosphere. Please dress in nice garb; we will have a lot of observers.

A lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided by the Special Olympics!

The Special Olympics is held at the UNM Soccer Field, to the east of in the intersection of University Blvd and Avenida de Cesar Chavez. Go past the UNM Football Stadium on University Blvd to the next street. You will find a parking lot, and the UNM Soccer Field is just south of this parking lot and south of the track field, also.

For more information, please contact Lord Cristobal Vasquez at (505)839-7302 or abqbobcat@aol.com

Hal an Tow

A may day song

[Chorus]

Hal an tow, jolly rumble oh
We were up long before the day oh
To welcome in the summer
To welcome in the may oh
The summer is a-comin' in
And winter's gone away oh

Take no scorn to wear the horn
It was a crest when you were born
Your father's father wore it
And your father wore it too

[chorus]

Robin hood and little john
Have both gone to the fair oh
And we will to the merry green
wood
To hunt the buck and hare oh

[chorus]

What happened to the span-iard
That made so great a boast oh
They shall eat the feathered goose
And we shall eat the roast oh

[chorus]

The lord and lady bless you
With all their power and might oh
And send their peace upon us
And bring peace by day and night
oh

[chorus]



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Sunday	Monday	Tu
<u>Regular Activities listings</u> More information on the regular activities is located on page 18 & 19.		
4 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	5 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
11 Fighter & Rapier Practice	12 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
18 Fighter & Rapier Practice Court Dancing	19 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
25 Fighter & Rapier Practice Grand Outlandish	26 Gammer Gurton's Needle Grand Outlandish	Proje

May Holiday Dates

1 Happy New Year!
Anno Societatus XXXVIII
1 May Day
11 Mother's Day
16 Full Moon
30 Memorial Day

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Blaiddwyn Ar- mor Workshop	2	3 Archery & Equestrian Practices <i>GOT LAST Clean-Up Day</i>
6 Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	7	8 -Heraldry Mtg -Blaiddwyn Ar- mor Workshop -Equestrian Practice	9 <i>Exciting Opportunity DEMO</i>	10 <i>Outlands Coronation</i>
13 CITIZEN'S MEETING Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	14	15 Blaiddwyn Ar- mor Workshop	16 Weaving Knowledge Exchanges & Workshop	17 Archery & Equestrian Practices <i>Celtic Games DEMO</i>
20 Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	21 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	22 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	23 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>	24 <i>Grand Outlandish</i>
27 Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	28	29 -Blaiddwyn Ar- mor Workshop -A&S Workshop	30	31 <i>Special Olympics DEMO</i>

May Medieval Dates

May 1, 1576 Stephen Báthory crowned king of Poland.

May 3, 1469 Niccolo Machiavelli, author of *The Prince* was born.

May 5, 1260 Kublai, Grandson of Genghis Khan, was elected Khan.

May 20, 1470 Pietro Bembo was born. He wrote one of the earliest Italian grammars, *Historiae Venetae libri XII* (1551)

May 24, 1494 Jacopo Pontormo was born. He was best known for his portraits and historical, religious scenes.

May 27, 1332 Ibn Khaldun was born. He is best known for his masterwork, the *Muqaddimah*, one of the earliest nonreligious philosophies of history.

Grand Outlandish Tournament XXX

Barony of al-Barran
Torrance County Park

Site opens at Noon, Wednesday, May 21, AS XXXVIII (2003)

Site closes at Noon, Monday, May 26, AS XXXVIII (2003)

Site Fees: \$20 Adult, \$10 15 and under, Family Cap of \$55, Additional \$3 surcharge for all non-members

Site is Wet

Their Excellencies Trevor and Fermina invite the Knowne World to come help us celebrate 30 Grandly Outlandish years! Activities will abound for all interests... heavy and rapier fighting, archery, arts & sciences, shopping, and of course, an Outlandish revel or two. The site is high in the Rocky Mountains, just under 7,000 ft, so please remember to bring lots of water for yourself, your children, and your pets, as there is no running water on-site. While we are hoping for more moisture, fire restrictions are a near certainty so please plan accordingly.

Highlights from the schedule...



- Heavies fight to become El Cid and name your Lady of May on Friday then lead your forces against the Almoravids in the Battles of Valencia and Zallaka on Saturday (all weapons 6' and under). Join in the traditional melees (Stagsblood!!) and wear down your opponents in the Citadel Speed List on Sunday.
- The fun starts early for the Rapiers with The Roving Rapier Tourney beginning on Thursday and running through Sunday. When you're not out on the highway challenging your foes, enjoy the Drygestan Tourney on Friday, and prepare yourself to become the Outlandish Blade on Saturday. As if that wasn't enough, the Torchlight Laundry List (yes, that was Torchlight) should amaze spectators and warriors alike.
- Archers will be drawing down on a Roving Shoot of their own, in addition to the Yeoman Qualifier and Royal Archer Shoots. Special shoots just for the ladies and for the young'uns are sure to please.
- But wait! There's more... Arts & Sciences activities running the gambit from first aid and comfortable camping to woodworking and period clothing. Interested in teaching? Let us know.
- Revel? Did someone mention revels? Join al-Barran for a Saturday night torchlight spectacular and a Bardic on Sunday. Their Excellencies' Citadel are also planning an evening of southern hospitality for everyone to enjoy.
- Just looking to relax? Enjoy a hot shower after a long day of Outlandishness. A new feature this year; help us to make it a success!

SPECIAL NOTICE:

If you cannot provide proof of membership (either a blue or white card or current publication label) at the gate, you will be charged the \$3 non-member surcharge. Additionally, proof of membership is required to participate in any martial activity. If your membership is coming up for renewal soon, now is an opportune time to renew it!

Want to help? Excellent! Reserve your spot on the Outlandish Wall of Volunteers! Please contact the coordinator you wish to work with or myself for additional information. Thank you!



Greetings to the parents of al-Barran!

Would you like to help show the children the wonders of the Known World at Grand Outlandish? Would you like to help the children have a fun-tastic time? Have I got a deal for you :)

ATTENTION PARENTS!

I am seeking parents, or anyone interested in children's activities, to sponsor activities at Outlandish. If you have a great idea, or know someone that does, space and funding can be provided. There will be an enclosed 20x20 tent in downtown with tables and chairs. Please help make Outlandish a success for the next generation and contact me directly for more information or with your activity information:

- Range of times they would like to sponsor (Fri - Sun)
- Description of the activity
- Age group desired
- Will the activity require the tent?
- Cost of materials needed
- Contact information; legal and SCA names, phone, and email (preferred)

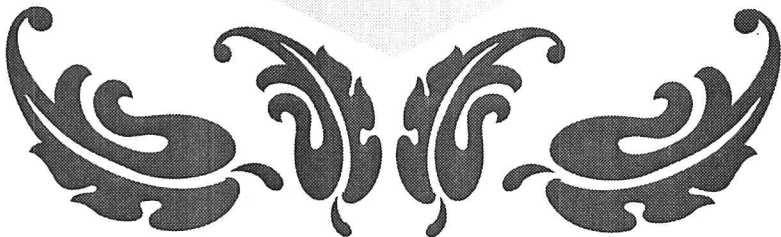


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Quest For The Crimson Chalice

Barony of al-Barran

June 20-22, ASXXXVIII (2003)

Experimental Site

Hwy. 337 & Chamisso Canyon Road, Tijeras, NM 87059

Site Opens on June 20th at 12pm; closes on June 22nd at 6pm

Member Site Fees; *Adult \$15.00 (includes Saturday night's feast),

Child under 12 \$7.00, Day Pass \$5.00*

* A \$3.00 Non-Member Surcharge will be added to Site Fee *
Site is WET

Calling All Warriors, Mercenaries and Towns folk! Be it Cavalry, Archers, Light and Heavy Weapons, or populace...Come! Join us for the crusades and quest for the coveted Crimson Chalice of immortality and ultimate wealth! A weekend of FUN, fighting, feasting and revelry galore! All welcome for the Saturday Night Feast and Revelry in the Town Square. THE SITE IS PRIMITIVE.

Restrictions: Horses MUST be penned when not in use. Horse owner's responsibilities: Water, Food, Pens and clean up. Fire restrictions may apply!

Directions: From Albuquerque: Take I-40 East to the Tijeras/Cedar Crest Exit 175. Turn right to South 14/Hwy. 337 and continue through light. Travel approximately 1.2 miles, go past Ranger Station, and then turn Left onto Chamisso Canyon Road (Forrest Road 4620). Follow dirt road approximately 1 mile to site.

Autocrat: Lady Divina Stargazer (Divina Le Rose-Ortiz), 801 13th Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 242-6735, crimsonladydivina@yahoo.com

Co-Autocrat: Lady Danica NeumanjaviAEa, (505) 292-5649

Lonely Mountain Defender

Shire of Drygestan

July 17-20, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Graduation Flats, Forest Road 289, Los Alamos, 87544

Site opens at noon on Thursday, July 17th and

Closes at 5 pm Sunday, July 20th

Site Fee is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 8-16; Family cap \$30

The site is wet.

Greetings all good Gentles, and be of good cheer; for the great Lonely Mountain Defender draws nigh! Come enjoy the lovely high mountain meadow, try your hand at The Gauntlet to become the Defender of Dragons, and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Shire of Drygestan.

Lonely Mountain is at an elevation of approximately 9500 feet. Be prepared for hot afternoons, occasional rains, and cold nights. There is no water on site so be sure to bring plenty. Take note that the back road will close at 7:30 pm.

The Forest Service will set fire restrictions, if any, at the time of the event. Like last year please, stay updated on Forest closures.

New this year: All merchants must be current SCA members. Please contact Elijah Ravenson or Marygold of Clan Tynker at (505) 474-7468.

As always, please refrain from cannon fire after midnight.

Directions: Take State Road 502 from 285/84 (at Pojoaque) towards Los Alamos. Take White Rock exit. Turn right at first stoplight. Stay straight through several stoplights until the road "T's" into NM 4. Turn right. Follow NM 4 to Forest Road 289. Turn left and the site is on the right.

From Albuquerque: Exit I-25 onto Rt. 44 to San Ysidro. Take NM 4 north through Jemez Springs, past the Caldera, and turn right on Forest Road 289. the site is on the right.

Any questions regarding merchants, volunteers, etc. can be directed to the Autocrat: Lady Renee Nix de Livingstone (Renee Nix), at rnix@co.santa-fe.nm.us or (505) 992-3084.

Clann Wars IX

Shire of Nahrun Kabirun

July 25-28, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Lincoln National Forest; Ruidoso, NM

Site opens at 2:00 pm on Friday and Closes at 2:00 pm on Monday
Site Fee is \$10 for adults members, \$15 non-members (\$3 surcharge included); \$5 for children ages 6-12 (\$10 Family cap), No charge for children ages 5 and under. Day trip fee \$5.

Please make all check payable to SCA-Nahrun Kabirun

The site is wet.

Greetings to the Populace of the Outlands,

As Winter releases its chill hand upon the Glorious Outlands, the Shire of Nahrun Kabirun would like to invite one and all to the ninth annual Clann Wars. Once again we are going to be at our traditional site in the Sacramento Mountains near Ruidoso, NM. We will have all of your favorites: fighting, archery, the Highland games, reveling (including the ever popular sheep reaving, make a sheep, the table siege weapon contest—use of sheep optional), bears and many new surprises. Children's activities, an A&S competition, and a bardic performance are also being offered. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday and the site is wet; this also includes rain. So please join us for the fun and enjoyment that this beautiful site has to offer.

Schedule of events:

Friday, July 25th

2:00 pm Site OPENS

2:43 pm Rain

7:00 pm General Merriment

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Saturday, July 26th

9:00 am Lists opens for all forms of fighting, archery, and children's activities

10:00 am Lists close for heavy and light tournaments, fighting to immediately follow.

12:00 pm Lunch break

1:00 pm Melees: woods battle and the ever-popular castle siege (dual rapier/ heavy melee). We fight until we drop.

3:43 pm Rain

6:00 pm A new surprise

7:00 pm Potluck Feast

7:30 pm Til sometime before dawn; reveling, bardic performance, singing and dancing

Sunday, July 27th

9:00 am The list for Highland Games opens

10:00 am The Highland Games start

2:17 pm Rain

4:00 pm Scheduled activities end.

Monday, July 28th

2:00pm Site closes

Please check the Outlands Calendar and mailing list for up-to-date information on fire restrictions and other important information.

Directions: From I-70: turn North on NM 37, drive through the town of Ruidoso, make a left (west) turn on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs down about 1/2 mile to the camp site.

From NM 380: Turn South on NM 37, follow 37 south until Ruidoso, make a right on Cedar Creek Road, and follow the signs down about 1/2 mile to the camp site.

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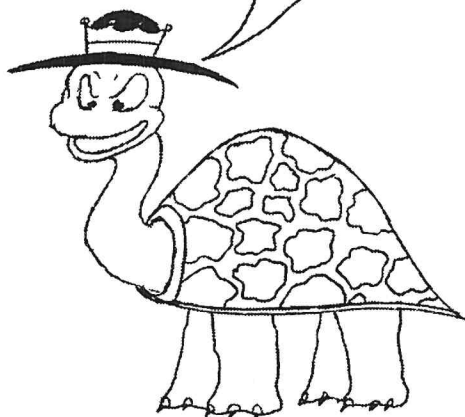
Outlandish Gate Monster Spotted!

Woefully doth I bring news of a horrific kind. Scouts of this fair and glorious barony have brought me missives of a lurking, starved creature which is madly gibbering about preciousses and fishessss and other provisions. Indeed such tales would make one doubt the sanity of the teller, but these rumors have been true before. In an effort to assure the safety and comfort of all gate volunteers, I am spearheading an effort to provision the gate with bribes to feed this hungry beast. Please contact me at ldysabia@aol.com or 896-3333 if you can assist me in any manner with this undertaking, from the condition of the creature (especially as sighted during the wee hours) I doth doubt that -any- provisions, sweet or sour, would go amiss.

In Service,

Subia

RUN FASTER THAN
ME, BALTHAZAR!!!



"Master Balthazar's Recurring Nightmare..."



Smoke & Mirrors
A flirting glance
Who by chance is in the dance
Lord and Lady discretely masked
Reality and Logic carefully by-passed

Come gentle barony, harken to my words—a midwinter adventure of magic and light,—illusion and intrigue. Court the lady fair,—follow the masked maiden if you dare. France, circa 1550, a late French illusionary court; illusionary food, masked courtiers, and regal dancing. A court of grace, but surrounded with intrigue, as those who sign in may not all be working for the same goal, and bribes are fair in love and war.

Feast Coordinator, Lord Vladimir
Autocrat, THL Sabia
Midwinter December 13, 2003



Gammer Gurton's Needle

Please contact Lady Rosamond for location of Gammer Gurton's Needle meetings in May.

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different hand-work techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of all instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contact Rosamond at LadyRosamond@aol.com or 865-9082 for more information.

Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.



Court Dancing Article

I will be holding court dance practices at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah) on Sundays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm May 4 and 18.

The weather has been lovely so far this winter, and I hope you will join us. The classes are free and everyone, ages 7 and up, is welcome. If you have questions or wish further information, you can reach me at 293-7453 or at krega@aps.edu.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara

A&S Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

We are starting again after winter recess, please note that we will be meeting once a month on the 4th Thursday of each month.

We are still scheduling the classes for May 29th and June 26th so please volunteer your skills by calling Lady Skia at 344-0094.

Westside Fighter Practice

Practice is starting again after winter recess. It is every other Saturday morning from 9:30 am occurring in May on May 3, 17, and 31 at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (Its on the Right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Mordygyn 286-0870*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Sterne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

This is your opportunity to come hang out with heralds - submit your name and/or device, listen to heralds discuss submissions, and maybe even comment on other people's submissions. Absolutely no heraldic experience required. Honest. When and Where: The 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia's home, 1223 Fruit St NW. *For directions contact Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn at alia@swcp.com or 244-9525. Please check with Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn as to whether a meeting is happening.*

Court Dance Practice

For May, court dance practices will be held on Sundays, (May 4 and 18.), from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah). Everyone age 7 and up is welcome to these free court dance practices. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu for further information.*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practice will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months. May: 3, 8, 17 & 22. *Please contact the Equestrian marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Blaiddwyn Armor-making Workshops

Come and join Blaiddwyn's knight marshal on Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for armor making, or just to help build the college's loaner gear. Workshops held in building 83 (this is the old UNM bookstore) in the basement at the Blaiddwyn college's office cube. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Knight Marshal: Schuyler Smith at 255-5251 or smiths999@yahoo.com for more information.*

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